

September 18, 2002

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

RE: Fiber Technologies Networks, L.L.C. v. Verizon New England and Northeast
Utilities Service Company

D.T.E. 02-47

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

On September 9, 2002, Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECO") received Fibertech Networks, L.L.C.'s ("Fibertech") First Set of Discovery Requests Propounded to WMECO in the above-referenced proceeding. Fibertech seeks responses from WMECO to these requests "pursuant to 220 CMR § 1.06 within ten (10) days unless the ground rules issued by the Department in this matter provide otherwise."

Please be advised that WMECO believes it is inappropriate to respond to these requests at this time. First, a matter filed by WMECO addressing similar issues is currently before the Superior Court of Hampden County. The judge in the Superior Court matter has already issued a ruling granting WMECO's request for a preliminary injunction and has issued a tracking order setting the deadlines for the various stages of litigation. In addition, WMECO currently has a request for dismissal pending in this matter before the Department in this D.T.E. 02-47 proceeding.

If you have any further questions or concerns, feel free to contact myself or Stephen Klionsky 617-748-5140.

Sincerely,

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